

WORTH WHILE.

I pray thee, Lord, that when it comes to me
To say if I will follow truth and thee,
Or choose instead to win, as better worth
My pains, some ebbing recompense of earth—
Grant me, Great Father, from a hard fought
field,
Forspent and bruised, upon a battered shield,
Home to obscure endurance to be borne
Rather than live my own mean gains to scorn.
Far better fall with face turned toward the goal,
At one with wisdom and my own worn soul,
Than ever come to see myself prevail,
When to succeed at last is but to fail.
Mean ends to win and therewith be content—
Save me from that! Direct thou the event.
As suits thy will. Where'er the prizes grow,
Grant me the struggle, that my soul may grow.
—Edward S. Martin in Scribner's.

A Son's Epitaph.

The news of the Merrimack's arrival in
Hampton roads and of her first day's fight
before she met the Monitor reached Wash-
ington on a Sunday afternoon. The tele-
gram was brief but explicit. The ironclad
was in complete control of the roads. Mes-
sengers were hastily dispatched, summon-
ing the chiefs of bureaus to a council at
the navy department. One of these mes-
sengers, sent in search of Commodore
Smith, found that officer on his way home
from church, and he knew that the com-
modore's only son was first lieutenant of
the 111th Congress.

"Commodore," said the man, "there is
bad news from Hampton Roads. The Mer-
rimack has been driven from Norfolk, the
Minnesota and Roanoke are disabled, the
Cumberland sunk, and the Congress is on
fire and has surrendered."

"Surrendered! The Congress has hauled
down her colors!" repeated the commodore,
and as the messenger confirmed his words,
"Then my son Joe is dead," said the com-
modore simply—and that was all.

There have been long-winded epitaphs,
many of them, but not every father could
be so sure of his son's character as to honor
his memory before receiving the news of
his death with such a tribute as that.
"Joe" was indeed dead, as modest and as
brave a man as ever drew sword in a good
cause. —New York Tribune.

Men in New York Who Buy Pictures.

"Don't count on the rich men of this city
to buy your pictures," said a well known
art dealer to an ambitious artist who was
talking of bustling upon the New York
public. "They won't do it. And to tell
you the truth," he went on, "in all New
York there are not more than 150 persons
who really love pictures—art for art's sake,
you know—who, in short, if they had opera
tickets for a certain night, would throw
them aside for the sake of visiting some
good paintings."

"Isn't that a small art loving public for
a large town?"

"Yes, it is, but it's the fact. I tell you the
men who will buy your pictures if they like
them are the salaried men, head clerks,
junior partners—men who when they like
a thing like it very much and are willing to
deny themselves for the sake of owning it."
"As a rule, it is not the married man who
will take your picture. I could count on
less than all my fingers the men of well
known wealth who buy pictures in New
York. They will commend, but they won't
buy. They can afford to go higher, and that
means to go abroad." —New York Sun.

The Toad in the Moon.

The red men who inhabit the whole west-
ern continent between the Rocky moun-
tains and the Cascade range believe that
the spots on Luna's face represent the form
of a gigantic toad, and tell the following
story to substantiate their queer ideas.
In time long past a little wolf, being de-
sperately in love with a toad, went a-woo-
ing one night and prayed that the moon
might shine brightly on his adventure. His
prayer was granted, and by the clear light
of the moon he was pursuing the toad and
had almost caught her when, as a last
chance, she made a desperate spring for
the face of the moon (which appeared much
nearer than common) and succeeded in
reaching that luminary, where she sits until
this day in plain view of all the wolves of
the world, which nightly howl in their ag-
ony whenever they think of how the toad
outwitted their ancestor. —St. Louis Re-
public.

Modern Methods of Entertaining.

When people meet for mutual entertain-
ment and do so unutterably bored that
they have to call in some man or woman
who makes a business of being amusing to
help them out, what is to become of the
whole scheme of human association? The
clever variety artists who have lately been
"doing their acts" at private entertain-
ments are very well worth seeing, but why
they should be grafted on to the dinner or
garden party? Can the exertions of a
strong man or a skit dancer vigorously
promote digestion? Why should a hostess
think it worth while to offer her guests a
form of entertainment which the proletariat
at witness nightly for 25 cents a head? —
Kate Field's Washington.

Eating Oranges.

In southern Europe the peasants always
eat fruit in its natural shape and never
think of treating it to doses of sugar, salt
or other seasoning. Around Naples and in
Malaga the people bite a hole in the orange,
suck out the juice and then throw the
orange away. Small American people often
do the same, but of course the American
must try his hand at improving nature, so
he puts a lump of sugar in it. An orange
planter thinks such a thing deplorable. —
Pittsburg Dispatch.

Monkeys, as is well known, are like cats
in their dread of getting wet. On shipboard
you may have often laughed to see them
scampering from a heavy spray as it dashed
over the deck or huddling together under
the lee of the long boat during a passing
shower.

France, Belgium, Greece, Italy and Swit-
zerland constitute the "Latin Union." Their
colours are alike in weight and fineness, dif-
fering only in name. The same system has
been partly adopted by Spain, Serbia, Bul-
garia, Russia and Roumania.

A Fifty Years' Tryst.

Dr. Nevins tells a very touching story in
his "Disorders of the Brain." A patient of
his, a young lady engaged to be married,
was often visited by her intended husband
by the stagecoach, which passed within a
mile or two of her house. One day she went
to meet him and found instead an old
friend, who brought the news of his sudden
death. She uttered a frightful scream.
"He is dead!" and then all consciousness of
her misfortune ceased. "Day by day for
50 years did this poor creature in all sea-
sons journey to the spot where she expected
to see her lover alight from the coach, and
day by day she uttered in a plaintive tone:
'He is not come yet. I will return to-
morrow.' Could anything be sadder than this
romance from a doctor's notebook?"

Reading a Girl's Letter.

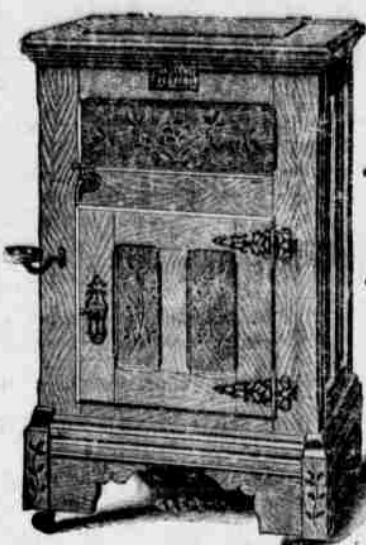
A caution to girls who write indiscrimi-
nately to young men was seen on one of
our street corners the other day. A youth
evidently not in the habit of receiving
many letters was reading aloud to a com-
panion a missive which any passerby could
see was intended for "Dear Will" alone,
but the other youth evidently enjoyed the
contents as well as the reader. —Springfield
Graphic.

The author of "Kathleen Mavourneen."
A young art student of New York, who
used to live next door to the author of that
tenderest of love songs, "Kathleen Mavour-
neen," is authority for the statement that
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